GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4616
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SPECIAL POLICE FORCE FOR COASTAL AREAS
PARSURAM MAJHI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government plan to set up a Special Police Force exclusively to provide security and protection to the people living in the coastal areas from infiltrators across the borders;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the proposals, if any, received from State Governments in this regard;

(d) whether any steps are being taken to stop infiltration into the coastal areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (e): Considering the vulnerability of the country`s coasts to illegal cross border activities, the Governments of the Coastal States and the Union Territory Administrations were advised to prepare perspective plans for coastal security for which certain indicative parameters were identified and circulated to them. These parameters include among other measures, creating a Marine Police Cell/Wing in the coastal police stations by developing teams with sea/water faring skills, establishing police stations/police out posts suitably equipped with vehicles, boats, communication equipments and weapons in the sensitive stretches of the coasts etc. Government of India would provide such assistance as feasible for implementation of the proposed coastal security plan which would take care of the concerns of coastal security including infiltration into the coastal areas. Proposals in this regard have been received from the Government of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and the Union Territory Administrations of Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.